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SUBJECT : CIVAIR: U.S. CARRIER SERVICE TO BAHRAIN

REF : (A) MANAMA 280 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 111437 (NOTAL)

1. I HAVE EXPLAINED TO GOB FOREIGN MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT MINISTER SHIRAWI IN LIGHT REFTEL THAT NO U.S. CARRIER FINDS IT ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE TO OPEN SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES TO BAHRAIN AT THIS TIME. FOREIGN MINISTER WAS DISAPPOINTED BUT AFTER I RE-EXPLAINED TRAFFIC PROBLEMS INVOLVED APPEARED UNDERSTANDING. HE ASKED THAT USG KEEP BAHRAIN'S CONTINUING INTEREST IN SCHEDULED SERVICE BY U.S. CARRIER IN MIND IN HOPE THAT AN AMERICAN CARRIER MIGHT REACT POSITIVELY IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO WHAT HE REGARDS AS THE LONG-TERM POTENTIAL OF THE BAHRAIN MARKET. DEVELOPMENT MINISTER SHIRAWI, WHO AS DEPARTMENT AWARE WAS ALREADY CONVINCED U.S. CARRIERS COULD NOT JUSTIFY BAHRAIN STOP ON EKONOMIC GROUNDS, SIMPLY RESPONDED "DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT".

2. COMMENT: WHILE ABOVE REPRESENTS GOB "OFFICIAL" REACTION DEPARTMENT SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT PRIME MINISTER, WHO DOES A LOT OF COMMERCIAL MOONLIGHTING, WILL CONTINUE AT THE URGING OF AND THROUGH HIS BUSINESS FRONT MAN JAMIL Wafa TO PUSH FOR  
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U.S. AIR SERVICE HERE. END COMMENT.

3. BAHJAIN'S OTHER KEY AVIATION OFFICIAL, ASSISTANT  
UNDERSECRETARY OF DEVELOPMENT FOR CIVIL AVIATION SHAIKH ISA  
BIN ABDULLA AL KHALIFA, IS CURRENTLY OUT OF BAHRAIN TO ATTEND  
ICAO CONFERENCE. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS REFERENCE AND  
OTHER BACKGROUND MESSAGES THIS SUBJECT TO OUR ICAO REPRESENTATIVE  
IN ANTICIPATION SHAIKH ISA'S DISCUSSING THIS TOPIC IN-  
FORMALLY IN MONTREAL.  
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